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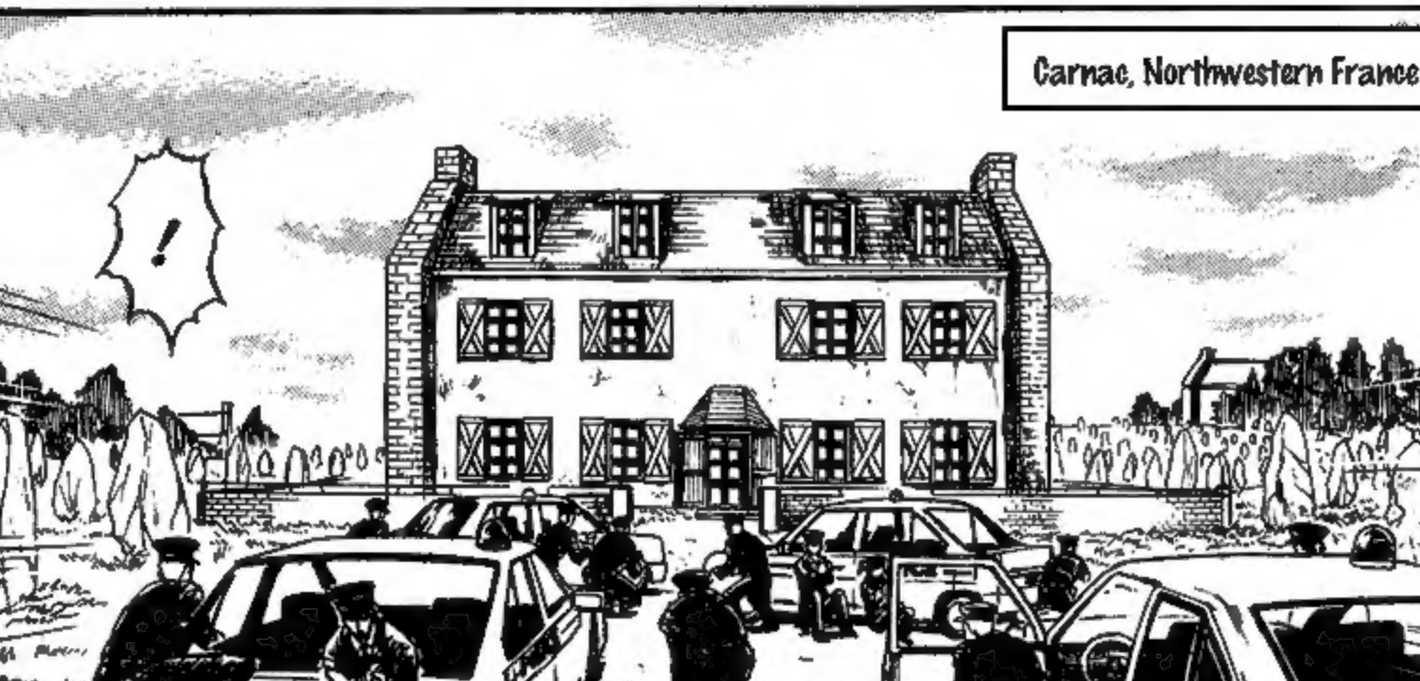
ZZONN
GAH !!!
...RIGHT AFTER I KILL GUY, WHO'LL COME WITHOUT FAIL TO SAVE YOU!
GUH ...
SHUT UP, OLD HAG! I'LL SUCK YOUR ROTTEN BLOOD SOON ENOUGH...


OKAY... THOSE...
...YOU CAN HAVE THEM!
WHAT?! THERE ARE PEOPLE OUTSIDE?

Carnac, Northwestern France
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POLICE

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LET'S GO!!!

HM... UNTIL NOW, THEY HAVEN'T ASKED FOR ANYTHING...
...
LIEUTENANT MALICLAIR, DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT THEY ONLY WANT A RANSOM?
WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO PUT THEM OUT OF COM-MISSION!
WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO DEAL WITH THESE KID-NAPPERS !!!

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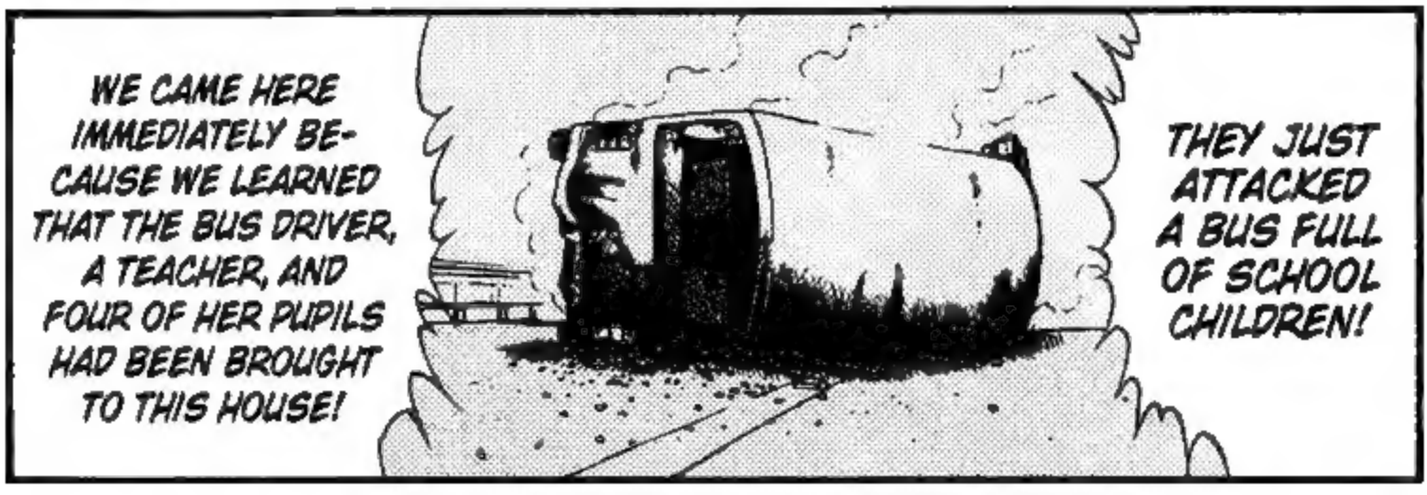
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO ASK THAT KIND OF QUESTION! LET'S GO!

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY DID WITH THE OTHER 80 HOSTAGES... DON'T YOU?!


WE CAME HERE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE WE LEARNED THAT THE BUS DRIVER, A TEACHER, AND FOUR OF HER PUPILS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS HOUSE!
THEY JUST ATTACKED A BUS FULL OF SCHOOL CHILDREN!

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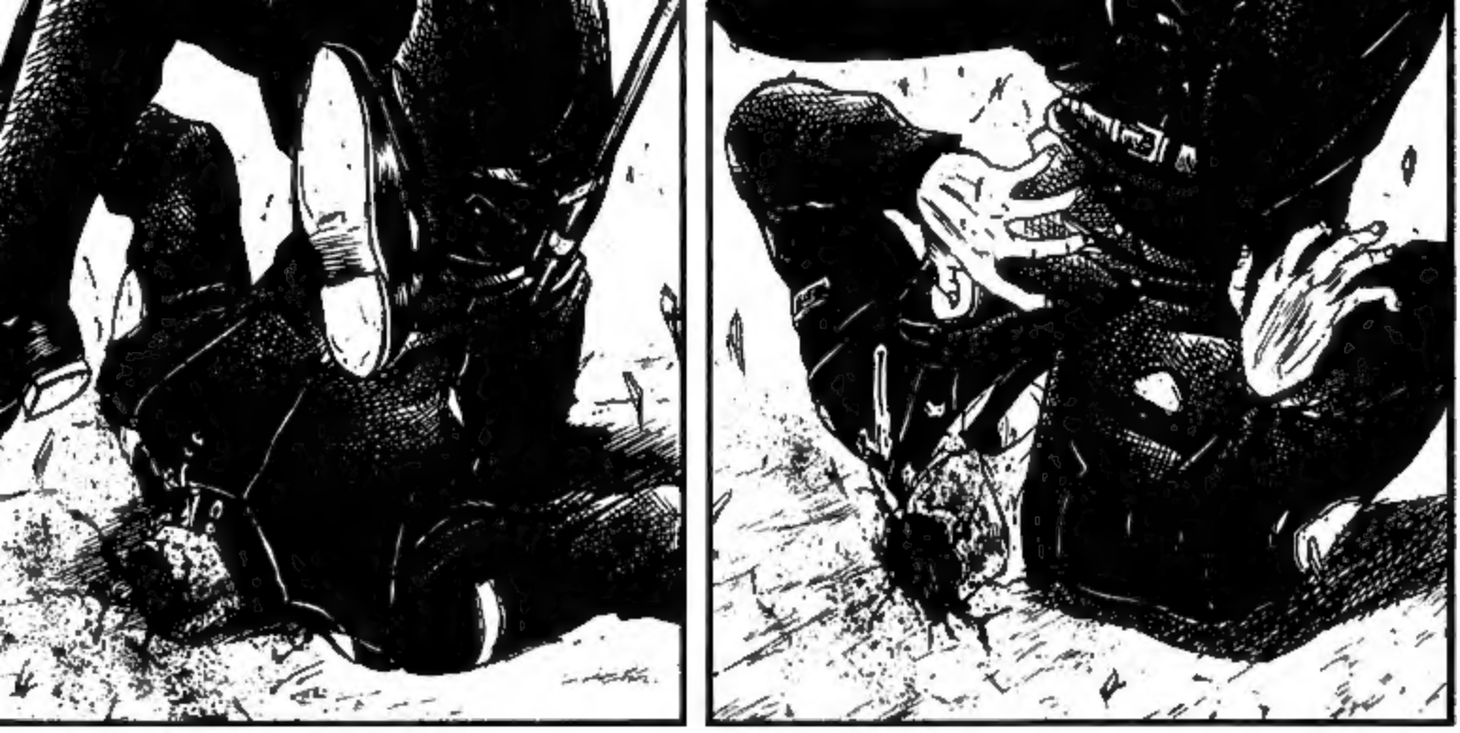

LOOK...
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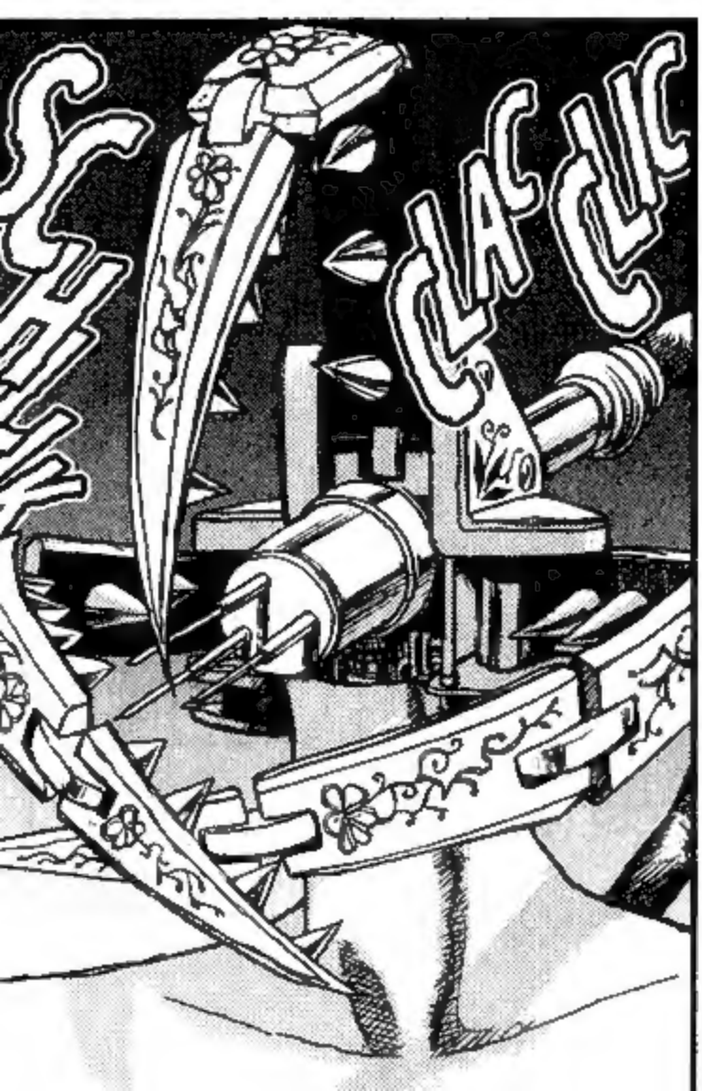
WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS ARE THEY USING?!
THAT'S CRAZY!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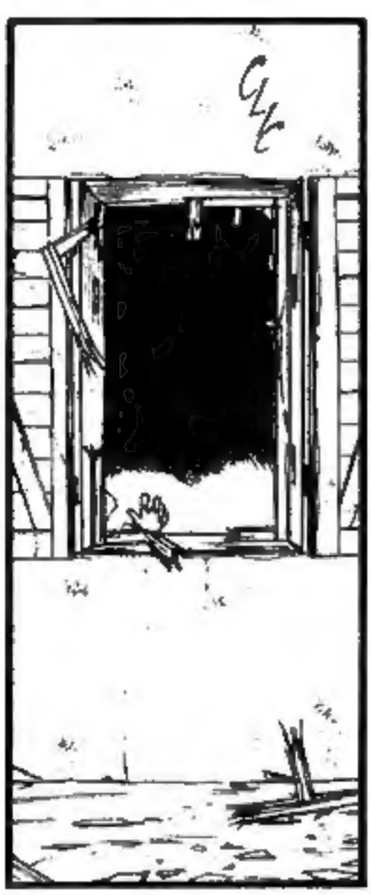

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FIRE AT WILL !!!
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM

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FIRE!

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ZZLAW

DAAN
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...OH, GOD...
GHH

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YAAAHHH!
SLICE
SLOTCH

VHHH...

GUY, WHAT'S IT ALL MEAN?!
YOU CAME TO JAPAN TO "RECRUIT" ME AND MAKE A SHIROGANE OUT OF ME?!
GOOOH

ALL THE SHIROGANES WHO DESTROY AUTOMATONS ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH ZONAPHA'S SYNDROME, RIGHT?
ANSWER ME, GUY!
SHUT YOUR TRAP! IT TAKES ME GREAT CONCENTRATION TO MAKE OLYMPIA FLY! FURTHERMORE, AT THIS ALTITUDE IT'S VERY COLD!
GOOHH
WELL... IT'S OBVIOUS, NARUMI!
WHY DO YOU ASK SUCH AN OBVIOUS QUESTION?
BUT YOU TOLD YOURSELF THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO TURN ME INTO A SHIROGANE ANYWAY, RIGHT?!
I DIDN'T CATCH THAT DISEASE THAT WAY!
NOWADAYS, NO MAN, NO SHIROGANE IS ABLE TO GO HEAD TO HEAD WITH AUTOMATONS WITH HIS BARE HANDS! THAT'S WHY I CAME TO JAPAN SO QUICKLY!
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS DISEASE CAN TELL WHERE OTHER VICTIMS ARE. THAT'S HOW I KNEW WHERE YOU WERE.
STOP LAUGHING SO STUPIDLY!!!
HA HA! THAT MADE THINGS EASY FOR ME!
...THEN SUDDENLY, YOU WERE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH!
I WAS WONDERING HOW I WOULD MANAGE TO MAKE YOU DRINK THE AQUA VITAE TO MAKE YOU A SHIROGANE...

YOU, YOU PUT AQUA VITAE IN MY BODY!!!
THEN YOU BRING ME TO FRANCE AND ORDER ME TO FIGHT AGAINST BLOOD-THIRSTY AUTOMA-TONS!
WITHOUT ASKING ME!!!

I'LL NEVER AGREE TO DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT!
YOU SCHMUCK!
YOU'RE TOTALLY CRAZY! I WON'T DO IT!

...

...YOU WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO DIE?
DOES THAT MEAN...

...CAN YOU TELL ME WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT?

IF I HAD TOLD YOU THAT AQUA VITAE CAN CURE ALL DISEASES ...
BECAUSE OF THAT DISEASE, YOU WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY DIED VERY YOUNG...

...NNN...
...UH...
.. I...

COUGH
COUGH

SHUT UP! I'M NARUMI! I'LL NEVER BE ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE!!!
...SHIRO-GANE!

YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY, NARUMI... OR SHOULD I SAY...
BUT THAT ALSO DEFINITELY HEALED YOU OF ZONAPHA'S SYNDROME!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. I MOSTLY INJECTED YOU WITH THE AQUA VITAE SO THAT THE LOSS OF YOUR ARM WOULDN'T KILL YOU.

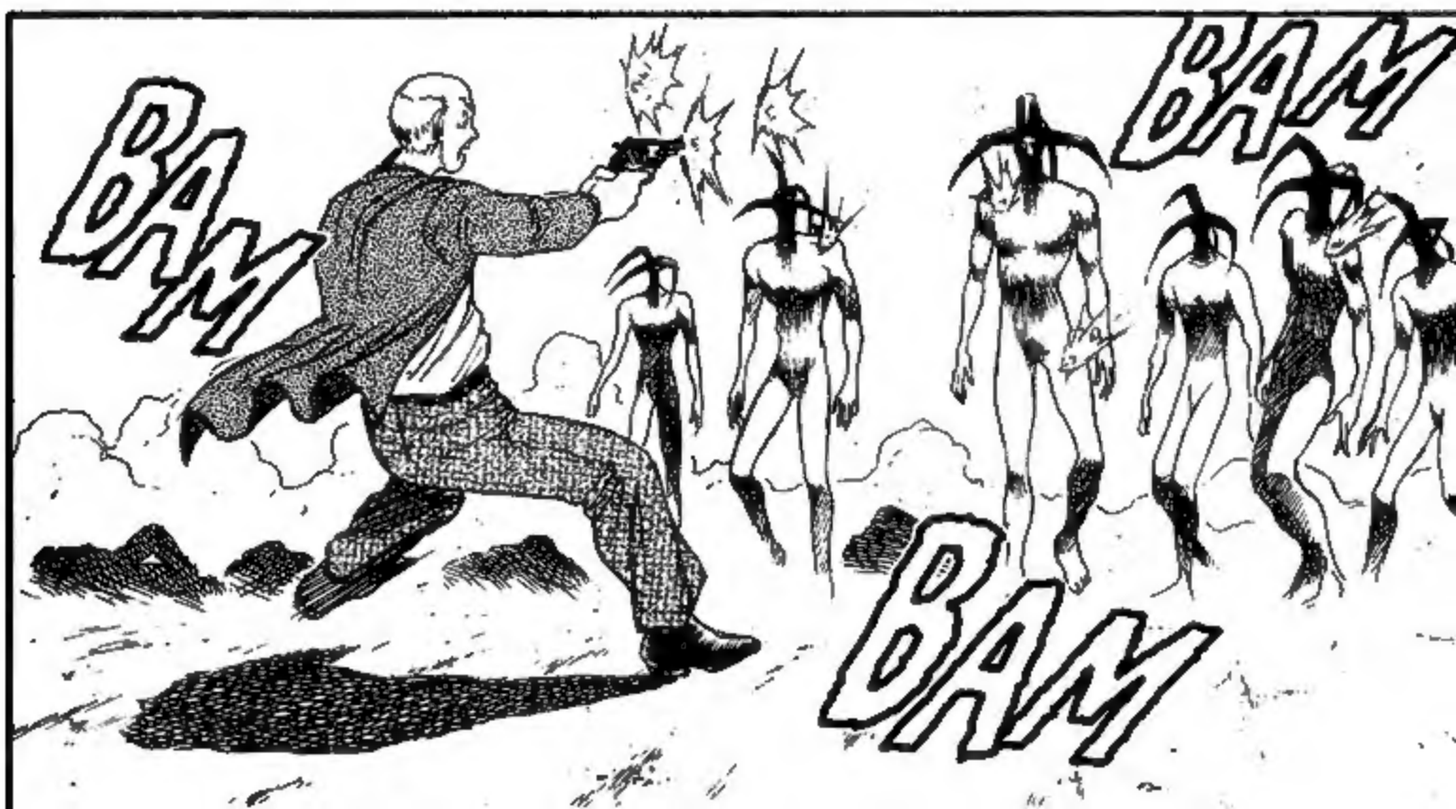
IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU WHO WERE HALF-DEAD...

YOU GOTTA AGREE, THOUGH ...
IT'S NOT MUCH FUN...
PFF
FIGHTING AGAINST SOMEONE ...
...JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE TELLS YOU TO.
VOOH
GOOHH

WHAT ARE ALL THOSE BIG STONES?
THESE STANDING STONES ARE CALLED MENHIRS.
THEY'RE AN ATTRACTION IN THIS REGION.

LOOK!
NARUMI, IT'S IN THIS HOUSE...
...THAT FLAVIO IS WAITING FOR US. THIS IS THE MEETING POINT THAT AUTOMATON GAVE US.

I'M TELLING YOU, I WON'T FIGHT!
HM?!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...DON'T YOU DIE?
DAMN DEMONS!
BUT ...
WHY...
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LAST!
... YOU ARE ...
THE ...
HUMAN ...
GET DOWN! RIGHT NOW !!!
IT'S THE END!
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CLICK

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AH!
SHIT! I DIDN'T EVEN THINK !!!
YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU WON'T HELP ME... BUT IN FACT...